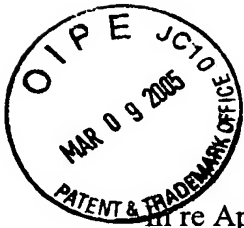


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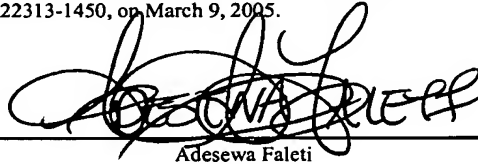


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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the election/restriction requirement mailed February 9, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.